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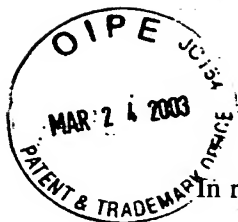
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In re Patent Application of

Albert FELIX et al.

Application No.: 10/018,814

Filed: April 22, 2002

For: **METHOD OF MAKING ADIPIC ACID**

Group Art Unit: 1625

Examiner: T. Oh

Confirmation No.: 2586

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	10	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Amendment Fee					0
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0

☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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FIRST REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 22, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the previous version of claims 1 and 7 with the following:

B1 1. (Twice Amended) Process for the manufacture of adipic acid crystals from adipic acid obtained by crystallization, comprising dispersing the adipic acid crystals collected on conclusion of crystallization in a liquid medium, stirring said liquid medium to smooth the surface of said crystals, and separating said crystals from said liquid medium.

B2 7. (Twice Amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein the crystals separated from the dispersion have a size of between 50 μm and 1000 μm .